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Excise

Remodelling of the Excise Licensing Boards and the Excise Advisory Committees.

* 807 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether proposals have been called for from the Collectors to remodel the Excise Licensing Boards and the Excise Advisory Committees;

(*b*) whether the Government have arrived at any decision regarding them;

(*c*) whether they will be published and public criticism invited before final orders are passed; and

(*d*) whether the proposals will be placed on the table of the House to enable the House to raise a discussion, if necessary?

A.—(*a*) The Government invited the views of the Commissioner of Excise who consulted Collectors.

(*b*) The subject is under the consideration of the Government.

(*c*) & (*d*) Government do not consider it necessary or desirable to do so.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I ask the Hon. Minister for Education and Excise what the nature of the proposals under the consideration of the Government is? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The answer to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) says that the Government do not consider it necessary or desirable to place the proposals on the table of the House."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know why they are considered confidential? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Public interests do not require that they should be laid on the table at this stage."

Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—" With reference to (*d*), may I know when the Government will come to a decision on this matter? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" As early as possible."

Opening a foreign liquor shop at Namakkal.

* 808 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received from the people of Namakkal (Salem district) to open a foreign liquor shop at Namakkal; and

(*b*) what the result of the representation was?